GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
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PROCUREMENT OF COTTON
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cotton Corporation of India proposed to procure cotton ensuring minimum support price for the growers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Cotton Corporation of India to construct more godowns to procure more cottons lying unsold with the growers particularly in Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES(SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)
(a) to (b) The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) has already started purchasing kapas, without any quantitative restrictions, in all cotton growing States (except Maharashtra) under support price operation to ensure minimum support price to the growers. It does not purchase in Maharashtra because of the Raw Cotton Monopoly Procurement Scheme of the State Government of Maharashtra. As on March 7, 2002, the CCI has purchased 39,48,239 quintals of kapas (equivalent to lint cotton of 7,58,904 bales of 170 kgs. each). State-wise purchases are as under:-

(in quintals)

Andhra Pradesh	22,76,369
Karnataka	82,479
Gujarat	10,23,201
Madhya Pradesh	2,99,764
Rajasthan	1,88,292
Haryana	2,497
Orissa	75,197
West Bengal	440
Total	39,48,239

(c) The CCI hires godowns and is presently purchasing at 59 centres in cotton growing areas of Andhra Pradesh.